(a) whether it is a fact that a number of consignments of Lactose have been cleared during 1990 and 1991 by Assistant Drug Controller, Delhi as Homoeopathic drugs;

(b) if so, whether the Delhi Administration has conducted any post-import check and found that the importers have sold Lactose to Allopathic dealers/manufacturers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As a result of post-import check carried out by the Drugs Controller, Delhi Administration, it was found that the importers namely, M.s. German Homoeopathic Distributors, Delhi, M|s. Cekon Co. New Delhi M/s. Homoeo Impex (India) New Delhi, have sold some quantity of Lactose imported by them as Homoeopathic medicine to the dealers who do not have licence to sell or manufacture Homoeopathic medicines. This is a contravention of the conditions laid down in Customs Notification No. 50|91-CUS, dated 25-7-1991 and Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.

The Customs authorities and Drugs Controller, Delhi Administration, have been advised to take further action in the matter.

Issuance of Brochures on AIDS

4439. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any brochures containing all information relating to spread of AIDS, and the steps taken for prevention, detection and treatment of AIDS virus has lately been issued by Government. If so, the details thereof; and

(b) what other steps have been taken to educate and inform the public particularly the more vulnerable sections of the society in th isregard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have brought out three brochures containing all information relating to spread of AIDS and the steps taken for prevention, detection and treatment of AIDS virus. These are:—

1. UPDATE - Country Scenario -AIDS.

2. National STD Control Programme-Revised prophylactic and therapeutic treatment, laboratory management and epidemiology of STDs.

3. Hospital Acquired Infections -Guidelines for control.

The brochures will enable the planners and readers to know about the magnitude of HIV and AIDS problem and strategies adopted by the Government of India, for effective prevention and control of the HIV infection/AIDS disease in the country. Brochure on S.T.D. control enables the medical and para-medical professionals to follow the correct line of treatment of STDs. Similarly, the brochure for prevention of hospital acquired infection deals with the guidelines to prevent HIV infection from the hospital by strictly observing the precautions recommended for handling blood and body fluids, precaution in relation to injections, skin-piercing and invasive procedures, effective use of sterilization and disinfection and disposal of infective waste.

(b) Central Organization for Prevention and Control of AIDS is framing guidelines in consultation with State/U.T. Government for creating awareness among general public especially among most vulnerable groups of populations. Various education mathods are being used by State|U.T. Government in disseminating awareness among the community through:

1. Mass media like Doordarshan, Radio, newspapers, magazines, cinemas, exhibitions.

2. Organizing workshops/seminars for general public and distribution of printed materials.

3. Messages reflected at important public places like Railway Stations, Bus stands, Post Offices, Air Ports, etc.

4. Special education campaign in Red light areas.

5. Inter-personal communication, organising group meetings, puppet shows, dramas, etc.

6. Involvement of Non-Governmental Organisations in disseminating the message for prevention of AIDS.

Implementation of Link Women Scheme

4440. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the districts where the W. H. O. assisted Link Women Scheme is being implemented; and

(b) what are the results therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) A statement is enclosed (*See below*)

(b) Since the Link Women Scheme has been launched in April, 92, it is too early to evaluate the results of the scheme.

Statement

1. Uttar Pradesh	1. Bijnor
	2. Banda
	3. Jaunpur
	4. Tehri Garhwal
	5. Agra
	6. Ghaziabad
	7. Gorakhpur
	8. Azamgarh
	9. Pratapgarh
	10. Deoria
2. Madhya Pradesh	11. Satna
	12. Tikemgarh
	13. Morona
	14. Sagar
	15. Jhabua
	16. Chhattarpur
	17. Guna
	18. Shivpuri
	19. Hosangabad
	20. Panna